



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Speaker of the House, J. Dennis Hastert (center) visited the CVC project site on Thursday, Dec. 9. Architect of the Capitol Alan Hantman (right) led the tour, which included a walk through House expansion space, the CVC Great Hall, orientation theaters and the exhibition gallery space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/13/04 through 12/17/04

CVC and East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Stone masons have now placed more than 150,000 granite pavers on the CVC roof deck.
- Two interior skylights in the grass beds near the face of the Capitol have now been installed as part of the effort to prepare the East Front Plaza for the inauguration. The small outer skylights within the grass beds and the two large skylights in the center of the Plaza have now been capped with temporary covers. These skylight openings will be used after the inauguration to transport materials from the Plaza level to the interior of the facility.
- All major structural work has been completed, including concrete placements for the roof deck, interior slabs, and all interior staircases.
- Dump trucks continue to backfill the sloping pedestrian entrance zones in the eastern half of the site.
- Workers continue to build mechanical spaces, erect interior blockwork, and install utilities throughout the site.

East Front Extension (EFE) (Inside the Capitol)

- All major steel erection and demolition activities are completed inside the East Front. Sequence 2 (build-out and finishes) contractors will begin installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- The truck tunnel is open to trucks delivering materials in support of the Sequence 2 contract.
- Crews have completed placing the asphalt necessary to restore Northwest Drive and the traffic lanes at the North Barricade Entrance. Striping and other finishing activities will occur over the next few weeks.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Asphalt paving and restoration work continue along First Street near the tunnel zone. Both sides of First Street are now open to traffic.
- Crews will continue to place concrete along the eastern end of the tunnel within the northwest grounds of the LOC. All concrete placements will be completed by mid-December.



A worker installs a sealant between the glass panes of a CVC skylight located on the House side of the East Front Plaza. Other skylights will be covered for the inauguration.

Next Week – 12/20/04 – 12/24/04

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- All of the major structural work by the Sequence 1 Contractor, Centex Construction, is expected to be complete.
- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof deck and continue with other plaza deck work in preparation of the inauguration in January 2005.
- Crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and backfill the zones near the CVC entrances.

East Front Extension

- Removal of temporary shoring and minor demolition activities will continue. All major steel erection and demolition activities have been completed.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Restoration of Northwest Drive and the Senate Plaza will continue, including the removal of fences, placement of pavers and the restoration of sidewalks.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Concrete placements and waterproofing will continue in various zones along the LOC tunnel route, especially within the northwest grounds of the LOC. Pedestrian access will continue along the east side of the work zone.



The Sequence 1 contractor, Centex Construction, has now completed all of the major structural elements of the CVC, including interior and exterior stairwells. Most of the remaining minor work in the Sequence 1 contract will be completed in December, while the structure for the tunnel to the Library of Congress will be completed in late January.